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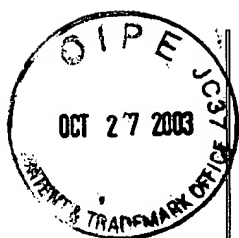
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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STEPS ON A SAMPLE IN A SINGLE
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Dear Sir:

Applicant provides herewith the following interview summary to be made of record in the above-identified case in response to Form PTOL-413, which was sent via facsimile on October 21, 2003. Applicant is responding within the one-month period specified in the aforementioned Form PTOL-413. The substance of the interview was as follows:

Participants: Michael Wityshyn (SPE) and Christopher Sappenfield (Atty)

Date of Interview: October 8, 2003

Interview Type: Telephonic

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Not applicable.

Claims discussed: 1

Art discussed: U.S. Pat. 6,197,517 to Roberts in view of WO 97/15588 by Rudenko et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims discussed: No agreement as to the allowability of claim 1 was reached.

Identification of principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed: No amendments to claim 1 were proposed.

General thrust of the applicant's principal arguments: The art discussed, whether viewed individually or in combination, does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 1. In

addition, that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, rejections asserted in the office action mailed July 1, 2003 should be withdrawn, because the limitations of the subject claims have proper antecedent basis.

General indication of any other pertinent matters discussed: The restriction requirement asserted in the office action mailed March 19, 2003.

General results or outcome of the interview: As provided in the aforementioned Form PTOL-413, it was agreed that:

- (1) the office action mailed July 1, 2003 will be vacated;
- (2) the restriction requirement will revert back to the original restriction requirement mailed September 18, 2002;
- (3) the claims to be examined are 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 12, 14-20, 23-26, and 28, as per applicant's election of December 24, 2002;
- (4) the 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, rejections of record will be dropped; and
- (5) the art rejection of record will also be dropped as all the limitations of claim 1 are not taught or suggested by the cited art.

In addition, a supplemental office action will be forthcoming and no further response by the applicant to the office action mailed July 1, 2003 is necessary.

Applicant thanks the examiner for the helpful interview. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 510-769-3520.

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